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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN M. WOLFE, JR., BPR #10319
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HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On October 22, 2012, John M. Wolfe, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Mr. Wolfe settled a civil lawsuit without the client's permission in exchange for the defendant paying the court costs. Mr. Wolfe then paid the client \$500 which he told the client was a payment from the defendant. Mr. Wolfe entered an agreed order of dismissal and failed to provide a copy of it to the client for over a year and never otherwise informed the client the case had been settled.

By the above acts, John M. Wolfe, Jr. has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4 (misconduct).

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: JOHN M. WOLFE, JR., BPR NO. 10319
Respondent, an attorney licensed
to practice law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

FILE NO. 35119-3-ES

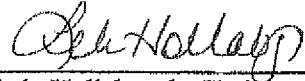
PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against John M. Wolfe, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 21, 2012.

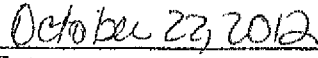
Respondent paid a client \$500 which he told the client was a payment from the defendant in the client's lawsuit. The defendant, however, made no payment to the client; rather, the defendant paid the court costs in the matter. Respondent then settled the lawsuit without the client's permission. Respondent entered an agreed order of dismissal and failed to provide a copy of it to the client for over a year and never otherwise informed the client the case had been settled.

By the aforementioned acts, John M. Wolfe, Jr., has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2 (scope of representation), 1.4 (communication) and 8.4 (misconduct) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations. Respondent has prior public discipline.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Leta Hollabaugh, Chair



Date